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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO UN

1. REPUBLICAN DECREE OF MAY 18 APPOINTED HISHAM IBRAHIM AL-SHAWI, FORMER MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MINISTER OF STATE, IRAQI AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS. AL-SHAWI IS FROM A PROMINENT SUNNI MUUSLIM FAMILY AND IS RELATED TO THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, THE PRESIDENT OF AL-MUSTANSIRIYA UNIVERSITY, AND THE HEAD OF THE IRAQI SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION. AL-SHAWI HAS BEEN THE IRAQI DELEGATE TO SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, INCLUDING THE IAEA. DROPPED FROM THE CABINET IN EARLY 1977, HE WAS SIDELINED AS AMBASSADOR AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. A STRONG ARAB NATIONALIST, AL-SHAWI IS NOT REPEAT NOT A MEMBER OF THE IRAQI BAATH PARTY.

2. GENTLEMAN OF THE OLD SCHOL, AL-SHAWI IS AN ARAB CLASSICIST AND FORMER PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE. HE RECEIVED HIS BA FROM OXFORD UNIVERSITY. HE IS FORMAL AND SPEAKS BOTH ENGLISH AND ARABIC IN AN AFFECTED MANNER.

3. COMMENT:

AL-SHOULD BE WELL RECEIVED BY OTHER ARABS AND TRADITIONAL DIPLOMATS, BUT HIS PERSONAL INFLUENCE IN BAGHDAD HAS BEEN DECLINING FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND HE LACKS THE

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APPROPRIATE PARTY CREDENTIALS. HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE UN PROBABLY REFLECTS THE IRAQI INTEREST IN PLACING A GLOSS OF MODERATION AND CIVILITY OVER THEIR POLICIES, BUT HE IS UNLIKELY TO INFLUENCE THE IRAQI POSITION ON ANY IMPORTANT ISSUES.

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